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Tony Shelton Receives Entomology Award

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GENEVA, NY: Anthony 'Tony' Shelton, Cornell University professor of entomology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, received the 2005 Recognition Award of the Entomological Society of America (ESA). Sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection, the award recognizes entomologists who have made, or are making, significant contributions to agriculture. The award was presented on December 15 during the ESA's annual meeting, which was held in Ft. Lauderdale.

"Over the years, Dr. Shelton has developed the kind of world-class program that epitomizes what we do at Geneva. That is, he addresses problems facing growers in New York with fundamental research that not only has implications for local growers, but for growers around the world," said Wendell Roelofs, chairman of the entomology department at Geneva. "Colleagues comment that Tony's series of manuscripts elucidating host plant resistance, insect behavior, action thresholds, and comprehensive integrated pest and resistance management programs for crucifers is among the best published in the field of entomology in the past five years."

Shelton's research and extension program focuses on developing sound pest management strategies for vegetables. Components of his program, which are both basic and applied, involve insect population ecology, insecticide resistance, biocontrol, plant resistance, agricultural biotechnology, insect movement, trap cropping, and plant productivity as a function of insect infestations.

Shelton is also the associate director of international agriculture at Cornell, with projects in Central America, India, Vietnam, and China.

Shelton received a B.A./B.S. from St. Mary's College of California in 1971, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in 1979 from the University of California, Riverside. He was appointed an assistant professor at Cornell in 1971, associate professor in 1985, and professor in 1993. In addition to his membership in ESA, Shelton is a member of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology, and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economic Entomology.

Shelton, who received the ESA's Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management in 1995, said, "It's really an honor for me to receive this award. Most importantly, it is a reflection of the great work of our lab group and our cooperators."

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